

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Amended) A gaming method utilizing a number of stored game records, each game record being associated with a game play outcome, the method including the steps of:

- (a) creating a player account for a player, the player account having an account balance;
- (b) receiving a game ticket request from the player, the game ticket request identifying a play quantity, the play quantity comprising a value representing a quantity of game play outcomes to be obtained;
- (c) determining if the account balance for the player account is sufficient for the play quantity;
- (d) in the event that the account balance for the player account is sufficient for the play quantity, applying a number of ticket indicia to a ticket substrate to produce a game ticket, each ticket indicia being directly identifiable, corresponding to a particular one of the game records, and representing the respective game play outcome associated with the particular one of the game records; and
- (e) applying game play information to the ticket substrate, the game play information being in machine readable form and directly or indirectly specifying each game record associated with the ticket indicia applied to the game ticket.

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3. (Previously Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein the step of applying the game play information includes applying an encoded identifier for each game record represented on the game ticket.
4. (Previously Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein the step of applying the game play information includes:
 - (a) applying a first value representing a sequential value correlated to a first game record represented on the game ticket; and
 - (b) applying a second value representing the play quantity.
5. (Previously Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein the step of applying the game play information includes applying a ticket identifier to the game ticket and further including the step of recording in a data storage device separate from the game ticket a set of ticket data correlated to the ticket identifier, the set of ticket data identifying each game record represented on the game ticket.
6. (Previously Amended) The method of Claim 1 further including the steps of:
 - (a) distributing the game ticket to the player;
 - (b) reading the game play information from the game ticket at a player terminal; and
 - (c) for at least one game play outcome represented on the game ticket, displaying a graphic game representation indicating the respective game play outcome represented on the game ticket, each respective graphic game representation being

displayed in response to a respective player input made after the step of reading the game play information at the player terminal.

7. (Original) The method of Claim 6 wherein the step of displaying the graphic game representation comprises displaying a representation related to a casino type game.
8. (Original) The method of Claim 1 further including the steps of deducting a cost associated with each respective game play outcome represented on the game ticket substantially concurrently with the step of applying the ticket indicia to the ticket substrate and adding a payoff amount associated with at least one such game play outcome in response to a ticket redemption request initiated by the player.
9. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein each ticket indicia comprises an outcome code selected from a set of available outcome codes for a game being played.
10. (Previously Amended) The method of Claim 9 further including the step of displaying a prize table in which each outcome code in the set of available outcome codes is associated with a prize level in the game.
11. (Previously Amended) The method of Claim 1 further including the steps of:
 - (a) distributing the game ticket to the player;

- (b) reading the game play information from the game ticket at a point of sale terminal after the game ticket is distributed to the player; and
 - (c) providing the player with a result of the game ticket in response to reading the game play information.
- 12. (Original) The method of Claim 1 further including the step of applying a cover material to the ticket substrate, the cover material obscuring each ticket indicia applied to the ticket substrate.
- 13. (Original) The method of Claim 1 further including the step of applying each ticket indicia to the ticket substrate through a cover material which obscures each respective ticket indicia.
- 14. (Previously Amended) A program product for use in controlling a game played with a number of stored game records, each game record being associated with a game play outcome, the program product being stored on a computer readable medium and including:
 - (a) player account program code for creating a player account for a player, the player account having an account balance;
 - (b) ticket request program code for receiving a game ticket request from the player, the game ticket request identifying a play quantity, the play quantity comprising a value representing a quantity of game play outcomes to be obtained;

- (c) account comparison program code for determining if the account balance for the player account is sufficient for the play quantity;
- (d) ticket production program code for causing a game ticket dispenser to apply a number of ticket indicia to a ticket substrate to produce a game ticket in the event that the account balance for the player account is sufficient for the play quantity, each ticket indicia being directly identifiable, corresponding to a particular one of game records, and representing the respective game play outcome associated with the particular one of the game records; and
- (e) ticket encoding program code for causing an encoding device to apply game play information to the ticket substrate, the game play information being in machine readable form and directly or indirectly specifying each game record associated with the ticket indicia represented on the game ticket.

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16. (Previously Amended) The program product of Claim 14 wherein the game play information includes an encoded identifier for each game record represented on the game ticket.

17. (Previously Amended) The program product of Claim 14 wherein the game play information includes:

- (a) a first value representing a sequential value correlated to a first game record represented on the game ticket; and
 - (b) a second value representing the play quantity.
18. (Previously Amended) The program product of Claim 14 wherein the game play information includes a ticket identifier and further including ticket database program code for causing a data storage device separate from the game ticket to store a set of ticket data correlated to the ticket identifier, the set of ticket data identifying each game record represented on the game ticket.
19. (Previously Amended) The program product of Claim 14 further including player terminal program code for receiving the game play information read from the game ticket at a player terminal and for causing a player terminal display device to display a graphic game representation indicating at least one game play outcome represented on the game ticket, each respective graphic game representation being displayed in response to a respective player input made after the game play information is read from the game ticket at the player terminal.
20. (Original) The program product of Claim 19 further including account maintenance program code for deducting a cost associated with each respective game play outcome represented on the game ticket in response to the game ticket request and adding a payoff

amount associated with at least one respective game play outcome in response to a later redemption request initiated by the player.

21. (Previously Amended) The program product of Claim 14 further including point of sale program code for receiving the game play information read from a reading device associated with a point of sale terminal and for providing the player with a result of the game ticket after reading the game play information.
22. (Previously Amended) A gaming system which utilizes a number of stored game records, each game record being associated with a game play outcome, the gaming system including:
 - (a) a player account storage device storing player account data for each game player, the player account data for each player including an account balance for the respective player;
 - (b) a player account processing device for controlling the player account storage device and for comparing the account balance for a respective one of the players with a play quantity in response to a ticket request for the respective player, the play quantity comprising a value representing a quantity of game play outcomes defined in the ticket request for the respective player;
 - (c) a point of sale component for communicating game ticket requests to the player account processing device;

- (d) a ticket production device associated with the point of sale component, the ticket production device for applying a number of ticket indicia to a ticket substrate to produce a game ticket in the event that the account balance for the respective player account is sufficient for the play quantity specified in a game play request for the respective player, each ticket indicia being directly identifiable, corresponding to a particular one of game records, and representing the respective game play outcome associated with the particular one of the game records; and
- (e) a ticket encoding device for applying game play information to the ticket substrate, the game play information being in machine readable form and directly or indirectly specifying each game record corresponding to the ticket indicia on the game ticket.

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24. (Previously Amended) The gaming system of Claim 22 wherein the game play information includes an encoded identifier for each game record represented on the game ticket.

25. (Previously Amended) The gaming system of Claim 22 wherein the game play information includes:

- (a) a first value representing a sequential value correlated to a first game record represented on the game ticket; and

(b) a second value representing the play quantity.

26. (Previously Amended) The gaming system of Claim 22 wherein the game play information includes a ticket identifier and wherein the player account storage device is also for storing a set of ticket data correlated to the ticket identifier, the set of ticket data identifying each game record represented on the game ticket.
27. (Original) The gaming system of Claim 22 further including a player terminal for receiving the game play information read from the game ticket and for displaying a graphic game representation indicating at least one game play outcome represented on the game ticket, each respective graphic game representation being displayed in response to a respective player input at the player terminal made after the game play information is read from the game ticket at the player terminal.
28. (Original) The gaming system of Claim 22 wherein the account processing device is also for deducting a cost associated with each respective game play outcome represented on the game ticket in response to the game ticket request and adding a payoff amount associated with at least one respective game play outcome in response to a later redemption request.
29. (Original) The gaming system of Claim 22 wherein the point of sale component includes a game ticket reading device and is also for receiving the game play information from the

game ticket reading device associated with a point of sale terminal and for providing the player with a result of the game ticket after reading the game play information.

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38. (Previously Amended) A gaming system utilizing a number of stored game records, each game record being associated with a game play outcome, the gaming system including:
- (a) a point of sale component for receiving a game ticket request from a player, the game ticket request identifying a play quantity comprising a value representing a quantity of game play outcomes to be obtained;
 - (b) a game ticket dispenser for applying a number of ticket indicia to a ticket substrate to produce a game ticket in response to the game ticket request, the number of ticket indicia applied being equal to the play quantity, each ticket indicia being directly identifiable, corresponding to a particular one of the game records, and representing the respective game play outcome associated with the particular game record;
 - (c) a ticket data storage device separate from the game ticket for storing a set of ticket data correlated to a ticket identifier associated with the game ticket, the set of ticket data identifying each game record represented on the game ticket by the ticket indicia; and
 - (d) a player terminal operatively connected for communication with the ticket data storage device, the player terminal for communicating ticket usage information to

the ticket data storage device in response to each game play input entered by a player at the player terminal.

39. (Original) The gaming system of Claim 38 further including:

(a) a ticket encoding device for applying the ticket identifier to the game ticket.

40. (Original) The gaming system of Claim 38 further including:

(a) a ticket reader device for reading the ticket identifier from the game ticket; and

(b) a processing device for locating the stored set of ticket data for the game ticket using the ticket identifier read from the game ticket and for reading ticket result information from the set of ticket data after locating the set of ticket data using the ticket identifier.

41. (Previously Amended) The gaming system of Claim 40 wherein the ticket reader is included in the player terminal and further including a player terminal display for displaying a graphic game representation indicating a respective one of the game play outcomes represented on the game ticket, the graphic game representation being displayed in response to a game play request made after the processing device reads ticket result information from the set of ticket data.

42. (Original) The gaming system of Claim 40 wherein the ticket reader is included in the point of sale terminal and wherein the point of sale terminal includes a game ticket result device for providing the player with a result of the game ticket.

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